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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending the University of Florida Football
3 Team for winning the 2007 Bowl Championship Series
4 National Championship Game and the University of Florida
5 for becoming the first school in NCAA Division I history
6 to hold national football and men's basketball titles
7 simultaneously.

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9 WHEREAS, the University of Florida Gators have long been
10 recognized for their winning tradition in all sports, including
11 100 years of Gator football, and

12 WHEREAS, the University of Florida Gators Football Team has
13 continued this tradition of athletic excellence, achieved and
14 maintained through their hard work, determination, unselfish
15 play, and team-first attitude, and

16 WHEREAS, the second-ranked University of Florida Football
17 Team earned a 41-14 victory over top-ranked Ohio State
18 University in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National
19 Championship Game on January 8, 2007, after defeating the
20 University of Arkansas 38-28 in the Southeastern Conference
21 Championship Game on December 2, 2006, and

22 WHEREAS, the University of Florida's 2006 schedule was
23 ranked as the toughest in the nation by the NCAA this season,
24 and

25 WHEREAS, under head coach Urban Meyer and his coaching
26 staff, the Florida Gators finished the 2006 season with a 13-1
27 record to establish a single-season record for wins, and

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28 WHEREAS, coach Urban Meyer became just the seventh head
29 coach in NCAA history to guide a team to a national championship
30 in his first or second year at a school, and

31 WHEREAS, with the BCS National Championship win, the
32 University of Florida earned its second national football
33 championship and became the first school in NCAA Division I
34 history to hold national football and men's basketball titles
35 simultaneously, NOW, THEREFORE,

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37 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
38 Florida:

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40 That the Florida House of Representatives congratulates the
41 University of Florida Football Team for winning the 2007 Bowl
42 Championship Series National Championship Game, its second
43 national football title, and the University of Florida for
44 becoming the first school in NCAA Division I history to hold
45 national football and men's basketball titles simultaneously.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
47 presented to the President of the University of Florida, Dr. J.
48 Bernard Machen, as a tangible token of the sentiments expressed
49 herein.